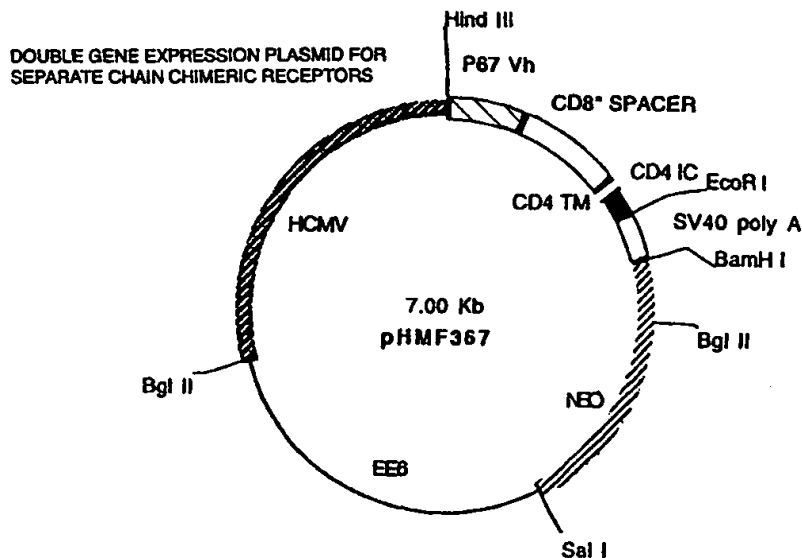




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DNA is described which codes for chimeric receptors which contain two or more independent polypeptide chains. Each polypeptide chain contains an extra cellular ligand association domain attached to a signalling domain through a transmembrane spacer domains. Each polypeptide chain can be expressed in an effector cell and will remain largely unactivated in the absence of ligand. The presence of ligand induces a stable interaction between the ligand association domain and the intracellular domains leading to a signalling event and activation of the cell. The invention has application in medicine for example in the treatment of diseases such as cancer.

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